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Letter dated 14 February 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/634-S/2006/979), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 4 December 2006 to 31 January 2007, as follows:

On 4 and 5 December 2006, three (3) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 7 and 10 December 2006, two (2) CN-235 and two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 13 December 2006, two (2) C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 14 December 2006, two (2) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 15 December 2006, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 18 December 2006, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

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On 19 December 2006, one (1) Bell, one (1) C-650 and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 21 December 2006, one (1) C-160 and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 27 and 28 December 2006, one (1) C-160, one (1) CN-235 and one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 2 January 2007, one (1) CN-235 and one (1) Sikorsky Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 4 January 2007, one (1) CN-235 and one (1) Sikorsky Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 8 January 2007, three (3) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 11 January 2007, two (2) C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 15 January 2007, two (2) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 16 and 17 January 2007, one (1) Cougar, one (1) Bell, one (1) C-160 and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 18 January 2007, one (1) Cougar, one (1) Bell, one (1) C-160 and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 19 and 21 January 2007, one (1) Cougar and one (1) Bell Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 22 January 2007, one (1) B-200, one (1) C-650 and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 24 January 2007, two (2) Cougar and two (2) C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 25 January 2007, two (2) C-650 and two (2) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 26 and 29 January 2007, two (2) Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 31 January 2007, one (1) Cougar and one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I would like to strongly protest over the aforementioned violations and hereby appeal for their immediate cessation. Turkey's policy of non-observance of rules and regulations governing international aviation continues to gravely jeopardize flight safety and perpetuates insecurity and apprehension on the island.

Such provocative and irresponsible actions can be explained only by the well-known Turkish practice of politically exploiting any possible opportunity in order to promote Turkey's constant objectives of undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, and of upgrading the status of the legally invalid "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus". It is high time for Turkey to realize that such irresponsible behaviour has no other effect than to negatively affect the good political climate that is necessary for the implementation of the 8 July 2006 agreement.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

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